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JOINT ENTRANCE TEST FOR ADMISSION IN PRIVATE MEDICAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Knowledge Commission has suggested a single joint entrance test for admission in private medical colleges in view of the falling standards of education in medical colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has also suggested that self-financed medical colleges must clearly state the fee-structure in their prospectus;

(d) if so, the details of the report of the Commission in this regard;and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)& (b): Yes Sir.The National Knowledge Commission has recommended "Policies of admission and fee structure of private colleges have to be regulated, not only to stop them from becoming sources of political and financial power but also to arrest falling standards.There should be only one All India Common Entrance Test for all students who would like to get admission to Self Financing Medical Colleges. Since the CBSE conducted examination for the 15% All India quota in Government Medical Colleges is taken by a very large number of students,this would appear to be the ideal examination whose ambit can be expanded".

(c) & (d): Yes Sir.The National Knowledge Commission has recommended "All self-financing Medical Colleges should announce their fees in their prospectus so that students can make their choice for admission.Information Technology should be used to increase transparency and efficiency in the admission,examination,administration,teaching,content delivery and other related processes." The recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission are also available on the website www.knowledgecommission.gov.in.

(e): Implementing Ministry i.e. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is of the view that the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission can be considered while finalizing the Draft Central Legislation for regulating the fees and admission in private medical institutions.